

**Implementation of rural development schemes by Panchayats**

2001. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to get some centrally sponsored schemes for rural development implemented by the Panchayat bodies directly;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor; and

(c) what would be the mechanism for monitoring of this and the role of State Governments in this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Although there is no new proposal in this regard, the Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana (JGSY) and Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) are implemented through the Panchayat bodies.

(c) There are Monitoring and Vigilance Committees at the State, District and Block levels.

**People below poverty line in Andhra Pradesh**

2002. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number and percentage of people of rural and urban areas living below the poverty line in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) how these compare to All India percentage;

(c) the details of various anti-poverty programmes in operation in Andhra Pradesh;

(d) whether any targets have been fixed; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and achievements made during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA): (a) and (b) The number and percentage

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of people of rural and urban areas living Below the Poverty Line in Andhra Pradesh and all India as, estimated by the Planning Commission in 1993-94, are given below:

	Rural		Urban	
	Number of Persons (in lakhs)	Percentage	Number of persons (in lakhs)	Percentage
Andhra	79.49	15.92	74.47	38.33
Pradesh	2440.31	37.27	763.37	32.36

(c) to (e) The Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) upto March, 1999 was and the Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) for April, 1999 is the main Anti-Poverty Programme under implementation for rural areas. Physical targets are not fixed under the Anti-Poverty Programme. The details of Financial and Physical progress of the Anti-Poverty Programme being implemented in rural areas of Andhra Pradesh during 1998-99 and 1999-2000 are as follows.

Year	Scheme	Financial	(R , In lakhs)	Physical Achievement (Nos.)
		Total Allocation	Utilisation	
1998-99	Integrated Rural Dev. Programme (IRDP)	7734.30	8906.70	140880 families assisted
	Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY)			165190 Swarozgaris assisted
1999-2000		8292.73	10044.08	